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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT (Sur

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The following changes have been made in the subject of the application to put the claims in a condition for allowance.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Wilke Robert on 7/20/204.

CLAIMS

In claim 44:

line 1, replaced "claim 44" with --claim 43--.

In claim 45:

line 1, replace "claim 45" with --claim 36--.

In claim 49:

line 1, replaced "claim 28" with --claim 48--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The applicant's amendment filed 12/22/2003 overcomes the technical deficiencies and the prior art rejection. Claims 26-49 are allowable over prior art of record because the prior art does not disclose a multiplexer having means for receiving the plurality of phase signals and means for selecting one of the plurality of phase signal as a multiplexer output signal.

CONCLUSION

Any comments considered necessarily by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue

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Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DINH T. LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-1745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8AM-7PM).

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